

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
6:30PM, Thursday, April 7, 2022
By Zoom Cloud Conference**

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Present: Chair – Alex Salop, Roxanne Ackerman, Kate DeVane, Robert Lionette, Skipper Manter,

Others: Recorder: Marni Lipke, Chilmark Library Director - Ebba Hierta,
Supt's Shared Services Office: Matt D'Andrea, Mark Friedman, Richie Smith,
Principals: Donna Lowell-Bettencourt, Mary Boyd, Susan Stevens,
Press: Vineyard Gazette – Louisa Hufstader,

*Late arrivals or early departures of UIRSC members

Call to Order (Agenda Item #I)

The Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) meeting was called to order. (*Recorder's Note: This discussion has been grouped and summarized for clarity and brevity.*)

Finance (Agenda Item #II)

A. Certified Excess and Deficiency (E & D) Report (See documents on file.)

In accordance with estimated calculations E & D was certified at \$841,089—accounting for the \$5,091 West Tisbury School (WTS) Music Department deficit from the pandemic related canceled school musical (see 5/4/21 Minutes p.2 #V A). The \$124,386 over the \$716,703 5% limit would be returned to the Towns in Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22)—as Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Division of Local Services mandated) by the fastest simplest method, reducing the fourth quarter assessment.

C. Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Budget Certification (See documents on file & Minutes: 11/2/21, & 12/7/21 p.2-4 # III A, & 12/13/21 p.1-3 #VI, 12/17/21, & 1/13/22, & 1/20/22 p.1-2 #V C.)

The Budget required another official vote now that DOR had certified E & D. There was an objection to having previously certified the budget, however Town Meeting deadlines and Town budget timeframes required school budgets be set earlier. E & D information was submitted in a timely fashion but the DOR certification timeline was beyond UIRSC and staff control.

- Skipper Manter reiterated his usual objections to use of E & D and suggested retaining 50% and returning 50% to the Towns— if necessary the UIRSC could go back to the Towns to augment any shortfall. Other members reminded the UIRSC that regulations allowed an E & D reserve of 5% of the operating budget.

- Although the FY23 Operating Budget bottom line would not change, the DOR mandate to return the \$124,386 overage in FY22 (rather than committing it to FY23 budget assessments) would change the E & D reserve balance to ~ \$376,000.

• *ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO CONFIRM AND RECERTIFY THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2023 OPERATING BUDGET AT \$13,902,739.93 OR 6.34% INCREASE, WITH AN OFFSET FROM EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY TO REDUCE THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET ASSESSMENTS; KATE DEVANE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 1 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KATE DEVANE-AYE, ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, SKIPPER MANTER—NAY, ALEX SALOP-AYE.*

Public Comment - None (Agenda Item #III)

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Meetings/Events

- West Tisbury STM/ATM – 7:00PM, Tuesday, April 12, 2022
- Chilmark STM/ATM – 7:00PM, Monday, April 25, 2022
- **UIRSC – 6:30PM, Wednesday, April 27, 2022 - WTS**
- MVRHSC – 5:00PM, Monday, May 2, 2022
- Aquinnah STM/ATM – 6:30PM, Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Adjournment

- *SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 6:51PM; KATE DEVANE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KATE DEVANE-AYE, ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, SKIPPER MANTER—AYE, ALEX SALOP-AYE.*

Documents on File:

- Agenda 4/7/22
- Massachusetts Department of Revenue Division of Local Services memo re: Excess and Deficiency – Upisland (2 p.) 3/23/22
- UIRSD FY2023 Assessment – V#7 1/20/2022 – Certified
- UIRSD FY2023 Assessment – V#7 Re-Certified 2/16/2021

Minutes approved 4/27/22